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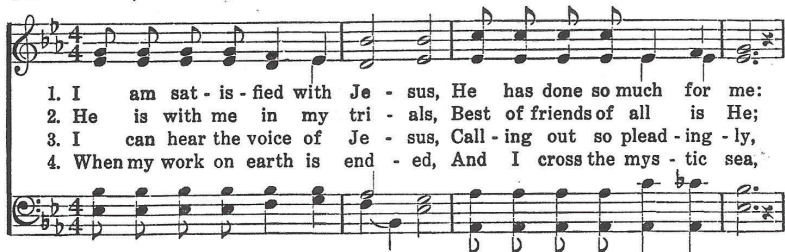
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Satisfied with Jesus

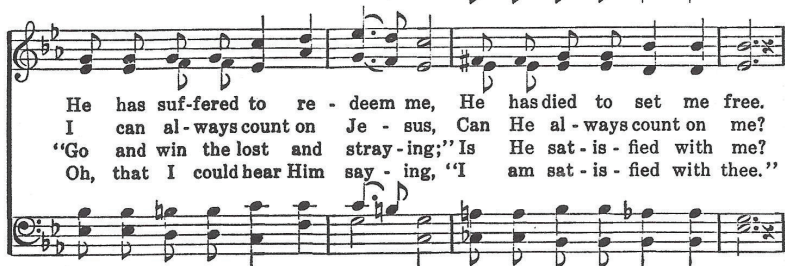
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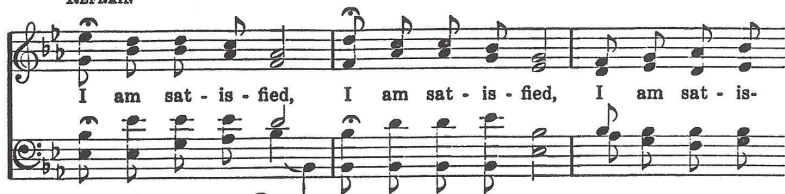


1. I am sat - is - fied with Je - sus, He has done so much for me:
2. He is with me in my tri - als, Best of friends of all is He;
3. I can hear the voice of Je - sus, Call - ing out so plead - ing - ly,
4. When my work on earth is end - ed, And I cross the mys - tic sea,

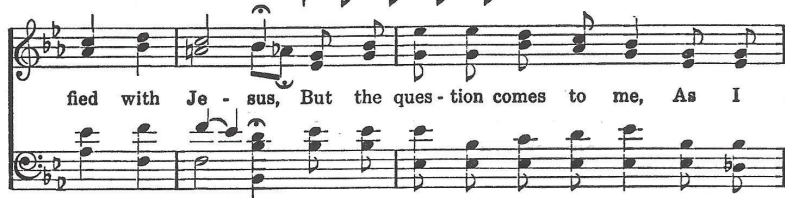


He has suf - fered to re - deem me, He has died to set me free.
I can al - ways count on Je - sus, Can He al - ways count on me?
"Go and win the lost and stray - ing;" Is He sat - is - fied with me?
Oh, that I could hear Him say - ing, "I am sat - is - fied with thee."

REFRAIN



I am sat - is - fied, I am sat - is - fied, I am sat - is -



fied with Je - sus, But the ques - tion comes to me, As I



think of Cal - va - ry, Is my Mas - ter sat - is - fied with me?

TIME FOR SELF-EXAMINATION

"I am satisfied with Jesus" ... "Is my Master satisfied with me?" Time to take inventory!

In 1926, **B. B. McKinney** (1886-1952), one of my favorite hymnists, wrote a song entitled **"Satisfied With Jesus."** From the first time I heard it, the message lodged in my psyche and still enters my conscious thoughts often. When this happens, I even hear the melody! Apart from Jesus Christ no man, woman or child can ever be truly satisfied. Read the lyrics for yourself to remember what Jesus has done for you. Then focus on the questions: **"Is my Master satisfied with me?" "Can He always count on me?" "Is He satisfied with me?"**

What better time than preparing for a New Year is there to examine our lives? Let's take a look back over the past twelve months? Can you say without equivocation that right at this very moment that you are satisfied with Jesus? But that sounds impossible you say. It does, doesn't it? However if a **Christian** is **out of fellowship with God**, he or she will not be at rest. There will be no deep, settled peace of satisfaction.

So **what does it mean for a Christian to be out of fellowship with God?** One way to explain this state is to recall our childhood. When we were children and disobeyed our parents, dissatisfaction set in. It could have been from guilt, fear of being caught, dread of punishment, shame or perhaps something else. Regardless, we felt unsettled and had no satisfaction because we were out of fellowship with our parents. In other words, we were not at peace with ourselves. Our parents were still our parents, and we were still their child, but the line of communication was broken, and it could not be restored until the problem was rectified. Once everything was out in the open and the problem was resolved, satisfaction was restored.

This is why the Lord provided **1 John 1:9** for His children, which says, **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** **There is a land of beginning again!**

Even Christians will try wrong paths to get to the place they need to be in order to have a restored satisfaction. "Things" won't satisfy; "new experiences" won't bring peace and happiness. When the "newness" fades the sense of dissonance rears its head again. Happiness comes only from a close relationship with Jesus Christ, and then satisfaction is found, true satisfaction that lasts. Then we can sing the song **"Satisfied With Jesus"** with joy, because peace has been restored within our soul.

SATISFIED WITH JESUS

1 I am satisfied with Jesus,
He has done so much for me:
He has suffered to redeem me,
He has died to set me free.

Chorus:

I am satisfied, I am satisfied,
I am satisfied with Jesus,
But the question comes to me,
As I think of Calvary,
Is my Master satisfied with me?

2 He is with me in my trials,
Best of friends of all is He;
I can always count on Jesus,
Can He always count on me?
[Chorus]

3 I can hear the voice of Jesus,
Calling out so pleadingly,
"Go and win the lost and straying";
Is He satisfied with me? [Chorus]

4 When my work on earth is ended,
And I cross the mystic sea,
Oh, that I could hear Him saying,
"I am satisfied with thee." [Chorus]

Those who are not true Christians of course will never be satisfied with their lives because they do not know Jesus Christ. Until they come to Him in faith and accept His gift of salvation, they will always be reaching for something, but never satisfied.

Today, as never before, it is imperative to bring **another point** concerning satisfaction into the open. **We are in a spiritual war.** There are dark forces in this world that will never be satisfied until havoc is brought upon mankind. These forces always hunger for more, continuing to pull man on down to even darker areas of perversion. The principalities and powers Paul spoke of (**Ephesians 6:12**) are very real. A Satanic hierarchy or organization prevails: Satan is the commander-in-chief. Under Satan there are mighty generals reporting to him. Then there are the other officers reporting to the generals. The lowest level of the Satanic hierarchy is the foot-soldiers in the war (the demons and one-third of the angels). The evil heart of man is also very real. When the two get together, satisfaction is never found. In this dark world, only something more evil than the last action will do, but then that too must be topped with something else even more outlandish. Look around you to see the truth of this observation.

There once was a day when it was disgraceful to have a child out of wedlock, but today it is joyfully announced. There was a time when homosexuality was a perversion, but today it is an alternate lifestyle.

Once upon a time men showed respect toward women because they witnessed first-hand the respect their dad showed their mother.

Today that is laughable in some circles, and some women reject it, because they have no respect for themselves.

My early education was at the White Pine (Tennessee) School. During my twelve years there, I was never instructed [required] to read anything in school that was considered trash. Today, it has gone beyond trash. It's unspeakable what even very young children are required to read.

Are you getting the point? I could go on indefinitely, and so could you. This world is not getting better, because evil can never be satisfied to stay in one place. It must continue to grow and grow. It's like a cancer. It will never go away on its own. It will only increase in its perverted activities.

Jesus made it abundantly clear that evil in the world would increase and eventually get to the point that He would have to come and put a stop to it, just as He did in Noah's day and Lot's day. Maybe He knew something about being satisfied. Maybe He knew that evil can never be satisfied. Maybe He knew that with each passing year evil would just get more and more shocking, and society (as the frog in the slowly heated water) would hardly notice.

One doesn't have to go any further than **Romans 1:18-32**, or **2 Timothy 3:1-9** or **2 Peter chapters two and three** or **Jude** to see a snapshot of our world today. You would think that Paul, Peter and Jude were given a birds-eye view of what we have become today. I could also mention **Revelation chapters two and three**. John must have been looking down on us too.

Friends, are you satisfied with your life? If you don't have Jesus in your life, you may think you're satisfied, but you're not. I'll prove it. You think you're satisfied now? Give it a little time and you will be yearning for something else.

Time is running out. From what I see in the Scriptures, we have just about reached the end of God's patience. Very soon, the Lord God is going to say, "It's time."

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the birds of the air; for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." (**Genesis 6:5-8**)

Have you "found grace in the eyes of the LORD?" If so, you have found true satisfaction and you will not be disappointed. If you have not, don't laugh it off as they did in Noah's day. Those who laughed found no sanctuary in the Ark. They drowned while scratching on the sides of the Ark trying to get in. They could not get in though, because God shut the door (**Genesis 7:16**).

What will it be? Can you say with **B. B. McKinney**, "I am satisfied with Jesus?" Then **move on to the other side of the question, "Is my Master satisfied with me?"**

Take inventory. "Let a man examine himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28a), Paul instructed the believers

at Corinth. Be sure you are in the faith. Be sure you have moved from mere "intellectual belief" to "saving belief" by placing your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior. Be sure that you are not being molded by the world. Worldliness has been a battle from the beginning of your Christian life. James, the half-brother of Jesus and a leader in the church at Jerusalem, said bluntly, "whoever is a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (**James 4:4**).

When I became a Christian, the people in my church cautioned: "Don't go to the movies because the world is on display and we must guard against worldliness." Even today, I am uncomfortable in going to the theatre and feel out of place. I cringe when I hear a preacher use an illustration or quotes from a movie. But now, we have things coming into our homes that are 10,000 times worse than anything shown on the screen sixty years ago. We have sin coming into our homes in living color. Now the internet is the vehicle that is being used to defile and defeat the Christian walk.

Adults should remember that the children are watching. Satan must have been pleased at an incident that was shared in a prayer seminar. A fifth grade teacher said she was standing in her classroom door talking with three of her fifth graders when two teachers, a beautiful young lady and a handsome young man, came up the corridor. One student observed, "Look at them! Don't they make a pretty couple!" The second student responded, "Yes they do! They ought to get married!" The third student retorted, "Get

married? They can't get married! He is already married." The student who initiated the conversation came back with a statement, "Well, they could have an affair." There is a constant bombardment during our waking hours to be drawn into this insidious attack of Satan.

For the Christian, **the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.** I have found it helpful to use the five emphases of the early church in Jerusalem as a pattern to live by: (1) the doctrine (the Word of God); (2) Spirit-filled (controlled) living; (3) Prayer; (4) Witnessing (**Psalm 126:5-6**); and (5) Stewardship (managing what belongs to the Lord). **The voice of God is heard in the Word of God.** The will of God for every believer is that he/she be Spirit-controlled (note the analogy of the drunk person in **Ephesians 5:18**). Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. Witnessing keeps us depending on the Lord. Stewardship is acknowledging that we don't own our lives, He does.

If you seriously examine your life and find you are not as close to the Lord as you used to be, don't be mistaken as to who moved! God did not move away from you. In His sovereignty, He has provided a way to reverse the direction (**James 4:8**). If you are out of fellowship with Jesus, don't waste time in regret or in morbid introspection. Simply say, "Lord, I'm coming home" and do it. There is a land of beginning again. May 2015 be the best year ever as you walk with the King each day.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

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"God works only in concert
with
the praying of His people."
- John Wesley.

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**BUT HE CAN NEVER GO TO
HEAVEN WITHOUT CHRIST!**

The Time Is Short

The time is short;

If thou wouldst work for God

It must be now;

If thou wouldst win the garland

For thy brow, Redeem the time.

With His reward He comes;

He tarries not;

His day is near.

When men least look for Him

Will He be here;

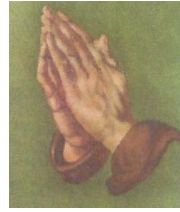
PREPARE FOR HIM!

Horatius Bonar

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NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2251. Listen to the Word of God with your heart, as well as your ears.

Note 2252. Work for the night is coming when man's **work is o'er**.

Note 2253. Disciples are to be channels, not terminals, of blessing.

Note 2254. Tomorrow is real. Take it into account as you live today.

Note 2255. The greatest blessing the new year could possibly hold would be the return of Christ

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

11/25--12/16

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**Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9
THANK YOU, DOORKEEPERS!**

2015: A DAILY CHOICE

Focus on problems and be overwhelmed or focus on God's resources and overcome! Choice, not chance, determines the future. Decisions determine destiny.

PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2015***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

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JANUARY RECOMMENDATION:

Intercession: Prayer as Work

INTERNATIONAL

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
 Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)
 Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
 Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
 Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
 Paula Tipton (Thailand)
 Joseph & Lily Veras (Malawi)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
 Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

Pray for safety and that
 the Word of the Lord will
 have free course.

His hand the balance holds

The less we have in our scale,
 The more He puts in His;
 Because His hand the balance holds
 Level and true it is.
 His strength for all our weakness,
 His courage for all our fear,
 His love to fill the lonely heart,
 His voice for silence drear;
 His light when darkness deeper
 grows,
 His hope for our despair,
 His grace for loss and emptiness,
 For burden and for care;
 His full supply for all our need,
 His comfort for all our grief,
 His patience for our puzzlements,
 His faith for unbelief,
 Because His hand the balance holds,
 Level and true it is,
 Till we shall stand complete in Him
 With all the glory His.

Annie Johnson Flint

2015 New Year's Resolutions

- **I WILL forget the past and honor God more in 2015:** "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended, but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).
- **I WILL live for Christ before the world.** "For me to live is [for Christ to live all over again] and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).
- **I WILL trust God with a strong faith.** Faith please God. (Hebrews 11:6)..

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"HE LEADETH ME"



He brings us through

The Lord has never promised to deliver us immediately from every trial, but He has promised to bring us through. He brings us through the waters and the fire (**Isaiah 43:2**), and He even takes us through the flood (**Psalms 66:6**). He brings us safely through the depths (**Psalms 106:9**), and even through the deserts (**Isaiah 48:21**). **Job 29:3** promised that God will take us through the darkness and **Deuteronomy 2:7** states that He will take us through the wilderness. When we come to the end of life, Christ takes us through the valley of the shadow of death (**Psalms 23:4**).

What a wonderful Savior is He!
He brings us through!

"OUR FATHER"
PRAYER IS BASED ON
SONSHIP,
NOT FRIENDSHIP.

In Loving Memory

"absent from the body, present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Doorkeeper

Irene Stinson (Mrs. Charles)

4/6/43 12-10-14

Forest, Virginia

The Stinsons have been special friends since the seventies. Charles was the long-time pastor of North Bedford Baptist Church. This couple loved to see folks saved and knew that prayer is the work that must come before all other work for the Lord. It was a joy to serve as evangelist for a revival meeting with their church in the mid-seventies and to conduct a prayer seminar with them after we relocated in Lynchburg. Pray for Pastor Charles and his family.

Thoughts about Heaven

Away from the lights of the city it is possible at night to observe the stars, seemingly almost within reach, glistening like diamonds in the sapphire sky. It is said of a little girl that, on her first visit to the country, she looked up at such a sight and exclaimed: "O Mother! If heaven is as beautiful on the wrong side, what must it be like on the right side?"

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

(1 Corinthians 2:9)

2015: VERSE FOR THE YEAR

"LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE

DONE WITH LOVE." 2 Corinthians 16:14

BUSY IN KENYA

The past mission in Misikhu (Wednesday, December 3 - Saturday, December 6) was a great blessing to us all and I am sure the Lord was happy with the souls coming into the kingdom as well as being trained and empowered to pray. By the end on Saturday, we had reached over 3000 people with the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ through person-to-person evangelism and crusades.

The Prayer Seminars reached 132 pastors and Church leaders. Pastors were 39 and 43 Churches were represented including four African Traditional Religions who were very much touched with the first ever Prayer Training in their whole lives. They really appreciated the gift of the Swahili Prayer Seminar Workbook and the pen. My team left on Monday morning back to Eldoret. I left a bit earlier for I needed at least a break. My team followed later. Though delayed a whole day on the road due to mechanical problems in the vehicle, they arrived at Glory Baptist Church in Eldoret by 6 p.m. the following day.

I thank God as I remember three truths: **God is Able! God is willing! God is waiting!** He is ready for us to call on Him asking specific things for His Glory! The van made it back safely but prayerfully moving very slowly and carefully. I am remaining now with a final 2014 Seminar here in Eldoret schedule for one day on the Friday, December 19th at Harvest Church. Then, I will settle in to prepared for Christmas in our church services and my family before moving into 2015. I will need Workbooks and Pens God willing. God is so Good. Plans are underway for 2015.

On Tuesday, I was to leave very

early at 4 am to travel to Naivasha to bring back Anne and our children and with the help of my associate pastor Charles, we made it to and fro. Today, I am just at home until tomorrow into my church office the whole day. The time spent in 1 & 2 Timothy has indeed blessed me and I shared with my family 2 Tim. 1:1-5 this morning and all of us were lifted up that the way Paul remembered Timothy, God remembers us too who are faithful to Him.

You remain special to me in all. Greet Moum Sue for me and all who remember me.

In Christ's love and service,
Pastor Martin and Anne Shikuku
Director: JGHM: East-Central
Africa Branch
Colossians 3:23.

BUSY IN VENEZUELA

Interested pastors had their first planning meeting on December 9 under the leadership of Adam Nathanson, a giant step in organizing a pastors' monthly prayer meeting for the Caracas area. The first meeting is scheduled for January.

A leader has taken a supply of workbooks to Dominica, our first prayer seminars on that island.

A critical need is for the Nathansons to find an apartment to rent. The Brethren church plans to sell their present apartment, that is five minutes from the church. Let's make this a specific prayer issue. God is moving mightily in Venezuela during very troubled times.

The Far Look

"I will lift up mine eyes ..." Psalm 121:1

A woman who did much reading and research began to have great difficulty with her eyes and so consulted an oculist. After examination he said, "Madam, your eyes are just tired; you need to rest them."

"But," she replied, "that is impossible; my engagements and my work demand that I make much use of them."

After reflecting for a moment, the doctor said "Have you any wide views from your home?"

"Oh, yes," she answered with enthusiasm, "from the front porch I can see the peaks of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and from the rear windows I can look out upon the glorious Allegheny foothills."

"Very well," replied the oculist, "That is just what you need. When your eyes feel tired, look steadily at your mountains for ten minutes, twenty would be better, and the **far look will rest your eyes!**"

What is true in the physical is also true in the spiritual. The eyes of the soul are often tired and weary from gazing at the problems and difficulties that beset us on our pilgrim way. The upward look, the far look, will restore our spiritual perspective.

Often we have to admit with the Psalmist, "Innumerable evils have compassed me about ... so that I am not able to look up (Psalm 40:12). **If by grace we roll these cares upon the Savior and seek His aid, we shall, with the help of the Holy Spirit be able to look above our circumstances.**

Henry Bosch in Daily Bread

The Printed Page

One of the great joys for the past sixty years has been to produce the **Reflector**. **With this issue we begin the sixty-first year of publication.** We will continue to pray that each issue will have some word that touches lives. Pray specifically about this issue. Continue to pray with me that the printed word that I share will "encourage, not discourage; build you and your church up, not tear you down; and be a stepping stone, not a stumbling block" (the same goals I have for a prayer seminar).

Someone has observed that the printed page never flinches or shows cowardice; it is never tempted to compromise; it never tires, never grows disheartened; it travels very cheaply, and requires no hired hall; it works while we sleep; it never loses its tempter; it works long after we are dead. The printed page is a visitor that gets inside the home, and stays there; it always catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he is in the mood for reading. It always sticks to what it has said, and never answers back; and it is bait left permanently in the pool.

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- o **I WILL faithfully witness to the lost.** "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:5-6).
- o **I WILL train whatever talents and gifts God has given to me for His glory.** "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).